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In re application of:

HARTLEY *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/517,466

Filed: March 2, 2000

For: **Compositions and Methods for
Use in Recombinational Cloning
of Nucleic Acids**

Art Unit: 1655

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**Second Preliminary Amendment
and Submission of Substitute Specification**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

*Via Hand Carry to Legal Instr. Exr. Brenda Webb
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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed in the captioned matter on November 16, 2000, and in advance of prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. These amendments and remarks are provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. *See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and*

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this